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They that are **unlearned** and **unstable** wrest...the...
scriptures, unto their own destruction. 2 Peter 3:16

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At the commencement of the Holy Sabbath, (Jan. 5,) we engaged in prayer with Bro. Belden's family at Rocky Hill, Ct., and the Holy Ghost fell upon us. I was taken off in vision to the Most Holy Place, where I saw Jesus still interceding for Israel. On the bottom of his garment was a bell and a pomegranate, a bell and a pomegranate. Then I saw that Jesus would not leave the Most Holy Place, until every case was decided either for salvation or destruction: and that the wrath of God could not come until Jesus had finished his work in the Most Holy Place—laid off his priestly attire and clothed himself with the garments of vengeance. Then Jesus will step out from between the Father and man, and God will keep silent no longer; but pour out his wrath on those who have rejected his truth. I saw that the anger of the nations, the wrath of God, and the time to judge the dead, were separate events, one following the other. I saw that Michael had not stood up, and that the time of trouble, such as never was, had not yet commenced. The nations are now getting angry, but when our High Priest has finished his work in the Sanctuary, he will stand up, put on the garments of vengeance, and then the seven last plagues will be poured out. I saw that the four angels would hold the four winds until Jesus' work was done in the Sanctuary, and then will come the seven last plagues. These plagues enraged the wicked against the righteous, and they thought that we had brought them down upon them, and if they could rid the earth of us, then the plagues would be stayed. A decree went forth to slay the saints, which caused them to cry day and night for deliverance. This was the time of Jacob's trouble. Then all the saints cried out with anguish of spirit, and were delivered by the Voice of God. Then the 144,000 triumphed. Their faces were lighted up with the glory of God. Then I was shown a company who were howling in agony. On their garments was written in large characters, "thou art weighed in the balance, and found wanting." I asked who this company were. The angel said, "these are they who have once kept the Sabbath and have given

it up." I heard them cry with a loud voice--"we have believed in thy coming, and taught it with energy." And while they were speaking, their eyes would fall upon their garments and see the writing, and then they would wail aloud. I saw they had drunk of the deep waters, and fouled the residue with their feet--trodden the Sabbath underfoot, and that is why they were weighed in the balance and found wanting. Then my attending angel directed me to the City again, where I saw four angels winging their way to the gate of the City, and were just presenting the golden card to the angel at the gate. Then I saw another angel swiftly flying from the direction of the most excellent glory, and crying with a loud voice to the other angels, and waving something up and down in his hand. I asked my attending angel for an explanation of what I saw. He told me that I could see no more then, but he would shortly show me what those things that I saw meant.

Sabbath afternoon one of our number was sick, and requested prayers that he might be healed. We all united in applying to the Physician who never lost a case, and while healing power came down, and the sick healed, the Spirit fell upon me, and I was taken off in vision. I saw four angels who had a work to do on the earth, and were on their way to accomplish it. Jesus was clothed with Priestly garments. He gazed in pity on the remnant, than raised his hands upward, and with a voice of deep pity cried--"MY BLOOD, FATHER, MY BLOOD, MY BLOOD, MY BLOOD." Then I saw an exceeding bright light come from God, who sat upon the great white throne, and was shed all about Jesus. Then I saw an angel with a commission from Jesus, swiftly flying to the four angels who had a work to do on the earth, and waving something up and down in his hand, and crying with a loud voice--"HOLD! HOLD! HOLD! HOLD! until the servants of God are sealed in their foreheads." I asked my accompanying angel the meaning of what I heard, and what the four angels were about to do. He shewed me that it was God that restrained the powers, and that he gave his angels charge over things on the earth, and that the four angels had power from God to hold the four winds, and that they were about to let the four winds go, and while they had started on their mission to let them go, the merciful eye of Jesus gazed on the remnant that were not all sealed, then he raised his hands to the Father and plead with him that

he had spilled his blood for them.--Then another angel was commissioned to fly swiftly to the four angels, and bid them hold until the servants of God were sealed with the seal of the living God in their foreheads.

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I have seen the tender love that God has for his people, and that it is very great. I saw an angel over every saint, with their wings spread about them: and if the saints wept through discouragement, or were in danger, the angel that ever attended them would fly quickly upward to carry the tidings, and the angels in the City would cease to sing. Then Jesus would commission another angel to descend to encourage, watch over and try to keep them from going out of the narrow path; but, if they did not take heed to the watchful care of these angels, and would not be comforted by them, and continued to go astray, the angels would look sad and weep. Then they would bear the tidings upward, and all the angels in the City would weep, and then with a loud voice say, Amen. **But if the saints fixed their eyes on the prize before them, and glorified God by praising him,** then the angels would bear the glad tidings to the City, and the angels in the city would touch their golden harps and sing with a loud voice--Alleluia! and the heavenly arches would ring with lovely songs. I will here state, that there is perfect order and harmony in the holy City.

All the angels that are commissioned to visit the earth, hold a golden card which they present to the angels at the gates of the City, as they pass in and out. Heaven is a good place. I long to be there, and behold my lovely Jesus, who gave his life for me, and be changed into his glorious image. Oh! for language to express the glory of the bright world to come. I thirst for the living streams that make glad the City of our God.

The Lord has given me a view of other worlds. Wings were given me, and an angel attended me from the City to a place that was bright and glorious. The grass of the place was living green, and the birds there warbled a sweet song. The inhabitants of the place were of (all) sizes, they were noble, majestic and lovely. They bore the express image of Jesus, and their countenances beamed with holy joy, expressive of the freedom and happiness of the place. I asked one of them why they were so much more lovely than those on the

earth. The reply was--"we have lived in strict obedi-
ence to the commandments of God and have not fallen by
disobedience, like those on the earth. Then I saw two
trees, one looked much like the tree of life in the
City. The fruit of both looked beautiful; but of one
they could not eat. They had power to eat of both, but
were forbidden to eat of one. Then my attending angel
said to me--"none in this place have tasted of the
forbidden tree; but if they should eat they would
fall." Then I was taken to a world which had seven
moons. There I saw good old Enoch, who had been trans-
lated. On his right arm he bore a glorious palm, and
on each leaf was written Victory. Around his head was
a dazzling white wreath, and leaves on the wreath, and
in the middle of each leaf was written Purity; and
around the leaf were stones of various colors, that
shone brighter than the stars, and cast a reflection
upon the letters, and magnified them. On the back part
of his head was a bow that confined the wreath, and
upon the bow was written Holiness. Above the wreath
was a lovely crown that shone brighter than the sun. I
asked him if this was the place he was taken to from
the earth. He said "it is not; but the City is my home,
and I have come to visit this place." He moved about
the place as if perfectly at home. I begged of my
attending angel to let me remain in that place. I
could not bear the thought of coming back to this dark
world again. Then the angel said--"you must go back,
and if you are faithful, you, with the 144,000 shall
have the privilege of visiting all the worlds and
viewing the handy work of God."

**Dec. 16, 1848, the Lord gave me a view of the shak-
ing of the powers of the heavens. I saw that when the
Lord said "heaven" (in giving the signs recorded by
Matt., Mark and Luke,) he meant heaven, and when he
said "earth" he meant earth. The powers of heaven, are
the Sun, Moon, and Stars: they rule in the heavens.
The powers of earth are those who bear rule on the
earth. The powers of heaven will be shaken at the
voice of God. Then the Sun, Moon, and Stars will be
moved out of their places. They will not pass away,
but be shaken by the voice of God.**

Dark, heavy clouds came up, and clashed against
each other. The atmosphere parted and rolled back,
then we could look up through the open space in Orion,
from whence came the voice of God. The Holy City will
come down through that open space. I saw that the

powers of earth are now being (shaken), and that (events) come in order. War, and rumors of war,--sword, famine and pestilence, are first to shake the (powers) of earth, (then) the voice of God will shake the Sun, Moon and Stars, and this earth also. I saw that the shaking of the powers in Europe is not (as some teach) the shaking of the powers of heaven, but it is the (shaking) of the (angry) nations.

EW pp. 42-45.

Dear Brethren and Sisters--

The Lord has shown me that it is my duty to relate to you, what he has revealed to me relating to the present truth, our present tried, scattered and tempted state, and our duty in view of the (coming) (judgments) of God.

Sabbath, March 24th, 1849, we had a sweet, and very interesting meeting with the Brethren at Topsham, Me. The Holy Ghost poured out upon us, and I was taken off in the Spirit to the City of the living God. There I was shown that the commandments of God, and the testimony of Jesus Christ, relating to the shut door, could not be separated, and that the time for the commandments of God to shine out, with all their importance, and for God's people to be tried on the Sabbath truth, was when the door was opened in the Most Holy Place of the Heavenly Sanctuary, where the Ark is, containing the ten commandments. This door was not opened, until the mediation of Jesus was (finished) in the Holy Place of the Sanctuary in 1844. Then, Jesus rose up, and shut the door in the Holy Place, and opened the door in the Most Holy, and passed within the second vail, where he now stands by the Ark; and where the (faith) of Israel now reaches.

I saw that Jesus had shut the door in the Holy Place, and no man can open it; and that he had opened the door in the Most Holy, and no man can shut it: (See Rev. 3:7, 8:) and that since Jesus has opened the door in the Most Holy Place, which contains the Ark, the commandments have been shining out to God's people, and they are being tested on the Sabbath question.

I saw that the present test on the Sabbath could not come, until the mediation of Jesus in the Holy Place was (finished) and he had passed within the second vail; therefore, Christians, who fell asleep before the door was opened in the Most Holy, when the

midnight cry was finished at the seventh month 1844; and had not kept the true Sabbath, now rest in hope; for they had not the light, and the test on the Sabbath, which we now have, since that door was opened. I saw that Satan was tempting some of God's people on this point. Because so many good Christians have fallen asleep in the triumphs of faith, and have not kept the true Sabbath, they were doubting about it being a test for us now.

I saw that the **enemies** of the present truth have been trying to open the door of the Holy Place, that Jesus has shut; and to close the door of the **Most Holy Place**, which he opened in 1844, where the Ark is containing the two tables of stone, on which are written the ten commandments, by the finger of Jehovah.

Satan is now using every device in this sealing time, to keep the minds of God's people from the present, sealing truth; and to cause them to waver. I saw a covering that God was drawing over his people, to protect them in the time of trouble; and every soul that was decided on the truth and was pure in heart, was to be covered with the covering of Almighty God.

Satan knew this, and was at work in mighty power, to keep the minds of as many as he possibly could unsettled, and wavering on the truth. I saw that the mysterious knocking in N. Y. and other places, was the power of Satan; and that such things would be more and more common, clothed in a religious garb, to lull the deceived to more security, and to draw the minds of God's people, if possible, to those things and cause them to doubt the teachings, and power of the Holy Ghost.

I saw that Satan was working through agents, in a number of ways. He was at work through ministers, who have rejected the truth, and are given over to strong delusions to believe a lie that they might be damned. While they were preaching, or praying some would fall prostrate and helpless; not by the power of the Holy Ghost, no, no; but by the power of Satan breathed upon these agents and through them to the people. Some professed Adventists who had rejected the present truth, while preaching or praying or in conversation used Mesmerism to gain adherents, and the people would rejoice in this influence, for they thought it was the Holy Ghost. And even some that used it, were so far in the darkness and deception of the Devil, that they thought it was the power of God, given them to exercise. They

had made God altogether such an one as themselves; and had valued his power as a thing of naught.

Some of these agents of Satan were affecting the bodies of some of the saints; those that they could not deceive and draw away from the truth by a satanic influence. Oh! that all could get a view of it as God revealed it to me, that they might know more of the wiles of Satan, and be on their guard. I saw that Satan was at work in these ways to distract, deceive, and draw away God's people, just now in this sealing time. I saw some who were not standing stiffly for present truth. Their knees were trembling, and their feet were sliding, because they were not firmly planted on the truth, and the covering of Almighty God could not be drawn over them while they were thus trembling.

Satan was trying his every art to hold them where they were, until the sealing was past, and the covering drawn over God's people, and they left out, without a shelter from the burning wrath of God, in the seven last plagues.

God has begun to draw this covering over his people, and it will very soon be drawn over all who are to have a shelter in the day of slaughter. God will work in power for his people; and Satan will be permitted to work also.

I saw that the mysterious signs and wonders, and false reformations would increase, and spread. The reformations that were shown me, were not reformations from error to truth; but from bad to worse; for those who professed a change of heart, had only wrapt about them a religious garb, which covered up the iniquity of a wicked heart. Some appeared to have been really converted, so as to deceive God's people; but if their hearts could be seen, they would appear as black as ever.

My accompanying angel bade me look for the travel of soul for sinners as used to be. I looked, but could not see it; for the time for their salvation is past.⁽¹⁾

⁽¹⁾The writer of these words did not understand them as teaching that the time for the salvation of all sinners was past. At the very time when these things were written she herself was laboring for the salvation of sinners, as she has been doing ever since.

Her understanding of the matter as it has been presented to her is given in the following paragraphs,

the first published in 1854, and the second in 1888:

"The 'false reformatations' here referred to are yet to be more fully seen. The view relates more particularly to those who have heard and rejected the light of the **advent doctrine**. They are given over to **strong delusions**. Such will not have 'the travail of soul for sinners' as formerly. Having rejected the advent, and being given over to the **delusions** of Satan, '**the time for their salvation is past.**' This does not, however, relate to those who have not heard and rejected the doctrine of the second advent."

"It is a fearful thing to treat lightly the truth which has **convinced our understanding** and **touched our hearts**. We cannot with impurity reject the warnings which God in mercy sends us. A message was sent from heaven to the world in Noah's day, and the salvation of men depended upon the manner in which they treated that message. Because they rejected the warning, the Spirit of God was withdrawn from the sinful race, and they perished in the waters of the flood. In the time of Abraham, mercy ceased to plead with the guilty inhabitants of Sodom, and all but Lot with his wife and two daughters were consumed by the fire sent down from heaven. So in the days of Christ. The Son of God declared to the unbelieving Jews of that generation, 'Your house is left unto you desolate.' Looking down to the last days, the same infinite power declares, concerning those who 'received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved,' 'For this cause God shall send them strong delusions, that they should believe a lie: that they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.' As they rejected the teachings of His Word, God withdraws His Spirit, and leaves them to the deceptions which they love."

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Dear Brethren and Sisters--

In this time of (trial), we need to be encouraged, and comforted by each other. The temptations of Satan are greater now, than ever before; for he knows that his time is short, and that very soon, every case will be decided, either for Life, or for Death. It is no time to sink down beneath discouragement, and (trial) now; but we must bear up under all our afflictions, and (trust) wholly in the mighty God of Jacob.

The Lord has shown me that his grace is sufficient for all our trials; and although they are greater than ever before, yet if we trust wholly in God, we can overcome every temptation, and through his grace come off victorious.

If we overcome our trials, and get victory over the temptations of Satan, then we endure the time of our faith, which is much more precious than gold, and are stronger, and better prepared to meet the next. But if we sink down, and give way to the temptations of Satan, we shall grow weaker, and get no reward for the trial, and shall not be so well prepared to meet the next. In this way we shall grow weaker, and weaker, until we are led captive by Satan at his will. We must have on the armour of God, and be ready at any moment, for a conflict with the powers of darkness. When temptations and trials rush in upon us, let us go to God, and agonize with him in prayer. He will not turn us away empty; but will give us grace and strength to overcome, and to break the power of the enemy. O, that all could see these things in their true light, and endure hardness as good soldiers of Jesus. Then would Israel move forward, strong in God, and in the power of his might.

God has shown me that he gave his people a bitter cup to drink, to purify and cleanse them. It is a bitter draught, and they can make it still more bitter by murmuring, complaining, and repining. Those who receive it thus, must have another draught; for the first does not have its designed effect upon the heart. And if the second does not effect the work, then they must have another, and another, until it does have its designed effect, or they will be left filthy and impure in heart. I saw that this bitter cup can be sweetened by patience, endurance and prayer, and that it will have its designed effect upon the hearts of those who thus received it, and God will be honored and glorified. It is no small thing to be a Christian, and be owned and approved of God. The Lord has shown me some who profess the present truth, whose lives do not correspond with their profession. They have got the standard of piety altogether too low, and come far short of Bible holiness. Some engage in vain, and unbecoming conversation; and others give way to the risings of self. We must not expect to please ourselves, live and act like the world, have its pleasures, and enjoy the company of those who are of the

world, and reign with Christ in glory.

We must be partakers of Christ's sufferings here, if we would share in his glory hereafter. If we seek our own interest, how we can best please ourselves, instead of seeking to please God, and advance his precious, suffering cause, we shall dishonor God, and the holy cause we profess.

We have but a little space of time left to work for God. Nothing should be too dear to sacrifice, for the salvation of the scattered and torn flock of Jesus. Those who make a covenant with God by sacrifice now, will soon be gathered home to share a rich reward, and possess the new kingdom forever and ever.

O, let us live wholly for the Lord, and show by a well ordered life, and godly conversation that we have been with Jesus, and are his meek and lowly followers. We must work while the day lasts, for when the dark night of trouble and anguish comes, it will be too late to work for God. Jesus is still in his Holy Temple, and will now accept our sacrifices, our prayers, and our confessions of faults and sins, and will now pardon all the transgressions of Israel, that they may be blotted out before he leaves the Sanctuary. When Jesus leaves the Sanctuary, then he that is holy and righteous, will be holy and righteous still; for all their sins will then be blotted out, and they will be sealed with the seal of the living God. But those that are unjust and filthy, will be unjust and filthy still; for then there will be no Priest in the Sanctuary to offer their sacrifices, their confessions, and their prayers before the Father's throne. Therefore, what is done to rescue souls from the coming storm of wrath, must be done before Jesus leaves the Most Holy Place of the Heavenly Sanctuary.

The Lord has shown me that precious souls are starving, and dying for want of the present, sealing truth, the meat in due season; and that the swift messengers should speed on their way, and feed the flock with the present truth. I heard an Angel say, "speed the swift messengers, speed the swift messengers; for the case of every soul will soon be decided, either for Life, or for Death."

I saw that those who had the means, were required to help speed those messengers, that God had called to labor in his cause, and as they went from place to place, they would be safe from the prevailing pestilence. But if any went that were not sent of God, they

would be in danger of being cut down by the pestilence, therefore all should earnestly seek for duty, and be sure and move by the direction of the Holy Spirit.

What we have seen and heard of the pestilence, is but the beginning of what we shall see and hear. Soon the dead and dying will be all around us. I saw that some will be so hardened, as to even make sport of the judgments of God. Then the slain of the Lord will be from one end of the earth, to the other; they will not be lamented, gathered, nor buried; but their ill savor will come up from the face of the whole earth. Those only who have the seal of the living God, will be sheltered from the storm of wrath, that will soon fall on the heads of those who have rejected the truth.

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TO THE "LITTLE FLOCK."

Dear Brethren.—The Lord gave me a view, January 26, which I will relate. I saw that some of the people of God were stupid and dormant; and were but half awake, and did not realize the time we were now living in; and that the "man" with the "dirt-brush" had entered, and that some were in danger of being swept away. I begged of Jesus to save them, to spare them a little longer, and let them see their awful danger, that they might get ready before it should be for ever too late. The angel said, "Destruction is coming like a mighty whirlwind." I begged of the angel to pity and to save those who loved this world, and were attached to their possessions, and were not willing to cut loose from them, "and sacrifice them to speed the messengers" on their way to feed the hungry sheep, who were perishing for want of spiritual food.

As I viewed poor souls dying for want of the present truth, and some who professed to believe the truth were letting them die, by withholding the necessary means to carry forward the work of God, the sight was too painful, and I begged of the angel to remove it from me. I saw that when the cause of God called for some of their property, like the young man who came to Jesus, [Matt. xix, 16-22,] they went away sorrowful; and that soon the overflowing scourge would pass over and sweep their possessions all away, and then it would be too late to sacrifice earthly goods, and lay up a treasure in heaven.

I then saw the glorious Redeemer, beautiful and lovely, that he left the realms of glory, and came to this dark and lonely world, to give his precious life and die, the just for the unjust. He bore the cruel mocking and scourging, and wore the platted crown of thorns, and sweat great drops of blood in the garden; while the burden of the sins of the whole world were upon him. The angel asked, "What for?" O, I saw and knew that it was for us; for our sins he suffered all this, that by his precious blood he might redeem us unto God.

Then again was held up before me those who were not willing to dispose of this world's goods to save perishing souls, by sending them the truth, while Jesus stands before the Father, pleading his blood, his sufferings and his death for them; and while God's messengers were waiting, ready to carry them the saving truth that they might be sealed with the seal of the living God. It was hard for some who professed to believe the present truth, to even do so little as to hand the messengers God's own money, that he had lent them to be stewards over. Invest in STOCKS/BONDS/ & LOTTERY.

Then the suffering Jesus, his sacrifice and love so deep, as to give his life for them, was again held up before me; and then the lives of those who professed to be his followers, who had this world's goods, and considered it so great a thing to help the cause of salvation. The angel said, "Can such enter heaven?" Another angel answered, "No, never, never, never. Those who are not interested in the cause of God on earth, can never sing the song of redeeming love above."

I saw that the quick work that God was doing on earth would soon be cut short in righteousness, and that the swift messengers must speed on their way to search out the scattered flock. An angel said, "Are all messengers? No, no, God's messengers have a message."

I saw that the cause of God had been hindered, and dishonored by some travelling who had no message from God. Such will have to give an account to God for every dollar they have used in travelling where it was not their duty to go; for that money might have helped on the cause of God, and for the lack of it, souls have starved and died for the want of spiritual food, that might have been given them by God's called and chosen messengers if they had had the means.

The mighty shaking has commenced, and will go on, and all will be shaken out who are not willing to take a bold and unyielding stand for the truth, and sacrifice for God and his cause. The angel said, "Think ye that any will be compelled to sacrifice. No, no. It must be a free-will offering. It will take all to buy the field."--I cried to God to spare his people, some of whom were fainting and dying.

I saw that those who have strength to labor with their hands, and help sustain the cause, were as accountable for that strength, as others were for their property.

Then I saw that the judgments of Almighty God were speedily coming. I begged of the angel to speak in his language to the people. Said he, "All the thunders and lightnings of Mount Sinai would not move those who will not be moved by the plain truths of the word of God; neither would an angel's message awake them."

I then beheld the beauty and loveliness of Jesus. His robe was whiter than the whitest white. No language can describe his glory and exalted loveliness. All, all who keep the commandments of God, will enter in through the gates into the City, and have right to the tree of life, and ever be in the presence of the lovely Jesus, whose countenance shines brighter than the sun at noonday.

Then I was pointed to Adam and Eve in Eden. They partook of the forbidden tree, and then the flaming sword was placed around the tree of life, and they were driven from the Garden, lest they should partake of the tree of life, and be immortal sinners. The tree of life was to perpetuate immortality. I heard an angel ask, "Who of the family of Adam have passed that flaming sword, and have partaken of the tree of life?" I heard another angel answer, "Not one of the family of Adam have passed that flaming sword, and partaken of that tree; therefore there is not an immortal sinner. The soul that sinneth it shall die an everlasting death; a death that will last for ever, where there will be no hope of a resurrection; and then the wrath of God will be appeased."

I saw that the saints will rest in the Holy City, and reign as kings and priests one thousand years; then Jesus will descend with the saints upon the Mount of Olives, and the mount will part asunder, and become a mighty plain for the Paradise of God to rest upon.

The rest of the earth will not be cleansed until the wicked dead are raised (at the end of the one thousand years) and gather up around the city; for the feet of the wicked will never desecrate the earth made new. Then fire will come down from God out of heaven and devour them; burn them up root and branch. Satan is the root, and his children are the branches. The same fire that will devour the wicked, will purify the earth.

In hope of immortality at the appearing of Jesus,
E. G. WHITE.

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PRAYER AND FAITH

I have frequently seen that the children of the Lord neglect prayer, especially secret prayer, altogether too much; that many **do not exercise that faith** which it is their **privilege** and **duty to exercise**, often waiting for that feeling which faith alone can bring. Feeling is not faith; the two are distinct. **Faith is ours to exercise**, but joyful feeling and the blessing are God's to give. The grace of God comes to the soul through the channel of living faith, and that **faith** it is in our **power to exercise**.

True faith lays hold of and **claims** the promised blessing before it is realized and felt. **We must send up our petitions in faith within the second veil** and let our **faith** take hold of the promised **blessing** and claim it as ours. We are then to believe that we receive the blessing, because our **faith** has hold of it, and according to the Word it is **ours**. "What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them." Mark 11:24. Here is **faith, naked faith, to believe that we receive the blessing**, even before we realize it. When the promised **blessing** is realized and enjoyed, faith is swallowed up. But many suppose they have much faith when sharing largely of the Holy Spirit and that they cannot have faith unless they feel the power of the Spirit. **Such confound faith with the blessing that comes through faith**. The very time to exercise faith is when we feel destitute of the Spirit. When thick clouds of darkness seem to hover over the mind, then is the time to let living faith pierce the darkness and scatter the clouds. **True faith** rests on the promises contained in

the Word of God, and those only who obey that Word can claim its glorious promises. "If ye abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." John 15:7. "Whatsoever we ask, we receive of Him, because we keep His commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in His sight." 1 John 3:22.

We should be much in secret prayer. Christ is the vine, ye are the branches. And if we would grow and flourish, we must continually draw sap and nourishment from the Living Vine; for separated from the Vine we have no strength.

I asked the angel why there was no more faith and power in Israel. He said, "Ye let go of the arm of the Lord too soon. Press your petitions to the throne, and hold on by strong faith. The promises are sure. Believe ye receive the things ye ask for, and ye shall have them." I was pointed to Elijah. He was subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly. His faith endured the trial. Seven times he prayed before the Lord, and at last the cloud was seen. I saw that we had doubted the sure promises, and wounded the Saviour by our lack of faith. Said the angel, "Gird the armor about thee, and above all take the shield of faith; for that will guard the heart, the very life, from the fiery darts of the wicked." If the enemy can lead the desponding to take their eyes off from Jesus, and look to themselves, and dwell upon their own unworthiness, instead of dwelling upon the worthiness of Jesus, His love, His merits, and His great mercy, he will get away their shield of faith and gain his object; they will be exposed to his fiery temptations. The weak should therefore look to Jesus, and believe in Him; they then exercise faith.

RH 2:275-276.

THE PRESENT CRISIS.

January 1, 1889. By MRS. E. G. WHITE.

We feel deeply over the present state of the church whose members have long possessed a knowledge of those events which are to transpire near the close of time in fulfillment of prophetic history. Christ is coming in power and great glory, and the dead are to be "judged out of those things which are written in the books, according to their works." The One who has stood as

our intercessor; who hears all penitential prayers and confessions; who is represented with a rainbow, the symbol of grace and love, encircling his head, is soon to cease his work in the heavenly sanctuary. **Grace and mercy will then descend from the throne, and justice will take their place.** He for whom his people have looked will assume his right,--the office of Supreme Judge. "The Father . . . hath committed all judgments unto the Son. . . . And he hath given him authority to **execute judgment** also, because he is the Son of man." It was he, says Peter, who was ordained to "judge the quick [the living] and the dead." "He hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained."

The faith and patience of those who have waited long, have been sorely tried. "Hope deferred has made the heart sick;" and the cry has come up before God. "**Lord, how long?**" But now the signs are fulfilling,--nation rising against nation, startling calamities by land and by sea, famine, pestilence, fearful storms, sweeping floods, and great conflagrations. All these testify that we are approaching the grand consummation. **The cry going up to God from the waiting ones, will not be in vain. The response will come, "It is done."** "He which is filthy, let him be filthy still; . . . he that is holy, let him be holy still." Can the church contemplate this hour with calm indifference?

The crisis is now upon us. The battle is to be waged between the Christianity of the Bible and the Christianity of human tradition. Is there not a criminal neglect in our present **sleepy condition?** There must be a decided advance movement among us. We must show to the world that we recognize, in the events that are now taking place in connection with the National Reform movement, the fulfillment of prophecy. That which we have, for the last thirty or forty years, proclaimed would come, is now here; and the trumpet of every watchman upon the walls of Zion should raise the alarm.

Prophecy represents Protestantism as having lamb-like horns, but speak like a dragon. Already we are beginning to hear the voice of the dragon. There is a **satanic force** propelling the Sunday movement, but it is concealed. Even the men who are engaged in the work, are themselves blinded to the results which will follow their movement. Let not the commandment-keeping people of God be silent at this time, as though we

gracefully accepted the situation. There is the prospect before us, of waging a continuous war, at the risk of imprisonment of losing property and even life itself, to defend the law of God, which is being made void by the laws of men. This Bible text will be quoted to us, "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. . . . The powers that be are ordained of God."

When the disciples preached Christ and him crucified, after his resurrection, **the authorities** commanded them not to speak any more nor to teach in the name of Jesus. "But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. For we cannot but speak the things we have seen and heard." They continued to preach Jesus and him crucified, and afterward raised from the dead. The sick were healed, and thousands were added to the church. "Then the high priest rose up, and all that were with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and were filled with indignation, and laid their hands on the apostles, and put them in the common prison."

But the God of heaven, the mighty Ruler of the universe, took this matter into his own hands; for men were warring against his work. He showed them plainly that there is a ruler above man, whose authority must be respected. The Lord sent his angel by night to open the prison doors; and he brought forth these men whom God had commissioned to do his work. **Thus we see that these rulers** were not in harmony with God's word. Had they taken him into their counsel, they would not have commanded the disciples to do contrary to his will. The rulers said, "Speak not at all, nor teach in the name of Jesus;" but the heavenly messenger sent by God, said, "Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life."

Those who shall seek to compel men to observe an institution of the papacy, and trample upon God's authority, are doing a work similar to that of the scribes, Pharisees, and Sadducees in the days of the apostles. When the laws of earthly rulers are brought into opposition to the laws of the Supreme Ruler of the universe, then those who are God's loyal subjects will be true to him.

The National Reform movement, that the world and the church have linked hands to bring about, will manifest the same oppression, haughtiness, arrogance, and

intolerance which have prevailed in past ages. The powers of human councils then assumed the prerogatives of Deity, crushing under their despotic will, liberty of conscience and the right of individual responsibility; and imprisonment, exile, and death followed for all who opposed their dictates.

Many will plead that there is no prospect that popery will ever be revived. If it shall regain its lost ascendancy, it will be by Protestantism's giving it the right hand of fellowship. If it shall be legislated into power by the concessions of time serving men, the fires of persecution will be rekindled against those who will not sacrifice conscience and the truth for the errors of the papacy. Once let the minds of the Christian world be turned away from God; let his law be dishonored and his holy day trampled upon, and they will be ready to take any step where Satan may lead the way.

Some urge that the Catholic religion is not what it once was; that the principles to which Protestants could not concede, and indignantly rose up to war against, were held by Catholics in the days of their ignorance and barbarism. They say that the present high mental development of the people would never allow them to adopt the plan of action carried out in the past,--compelling the conscience upon religious subjects. But there is nothing in the Scriptures to assure us against the reinstatement of popery. Protestants to-day are a self-sufficient, world-loving people; but they must have some religion, and prefer that consisting of forms and outward display, rather than the simplicity of the true religion of Jesus Christ. They are too wise in their own conceit to seek God for counsel and direction,--to open the Guide Book which points them to the only way that leads to heaven. They close their hearts to Jesus in his humiliation, self-denial, and self-sacrifice, and open the door to the delusions of Satan.

While the Protestant world is, by her attitude, making concessions to Rome, we should arouse to comprehend the situation and view the contest before us in its true bearings. While men have slept, Satan has been stealthily sowing the tares. Let the watchmen now lift up their voice like a trumpet, and give the message which is present truth for this time. Let them know where we are in prophetic history, that the spirit

of true Protestantism may awaken all the world to a sense of the value of the privileges of religious liberty so long enjoyed.

This nation has been highly favored of God. It has been the great center of religious light and liberty. O, do not sleep now, and in your inactivity feel that you are doing the will of God! The experience of God's commandment-keeping people now should correspond with the events that are crowding upon us.

It should be the business of all the righteous in the land, as they see signs of the approach of peril, to arouse to action, and not sit in calm expectation of ruin, comforting themselves with the belief that this work must go on, because prophecy has foretold it, and that the Lord will shelter his people in the day of trial. Effectual, fervent prayers should be ascending to Heaven, that this calamity may be deferred; for we are not ready to meet it.

Every passing hour now is one of activity in the heavenly courts, to make ready a people upon the earth to act a part in the great scenes that are soon to open upon us. These transient moments, that seem of so little value to us, are weighty with eternal interests. They are molding the destiny of souls for everlasting life or everlasting death. The words we utter to-day in the ears of the people, the works we are doing, the spirit of the message we are bearing, will be to human souls the savor of life unto life or of death unto death. We must be washing our robes of character in the blood of the Lamb. If we would be saints above, we must first be saints below.

We have lost much time in inaction, because we have not realized the time in which we are living. This we deplore, and would humble our souls before God, pleading with him for pardon for sleeping at our post of duty, and allowing the enemy to gain advantage over us. Many have chosen to do nothing, when they should have been diligent to repulse the enemy. Let your services now be dedicated to God. Gird on the armor for vigorous work, saying, "Here am I, Lord, send me."

It is essential that we be much in prayer to God, that his voice and his power may be manifested in behalf of his people, and that the angels may hold the four winds until the truth is more fully proclaimed, and the servants of God are sealed in their foreheads. God is not pleased with the attitude of his people.

Satan is taking the world captive, and the sentinels for God and the truth are letting him do it. "Watch then, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong." Arouse, and come to the front. Be staunch to defend your religious liberty.

Many of our people are registered in the books of heaven as slothful servants. They have buried their talents of money and capability in the world, and the work they should have done has been left undone. Some to whom the Lord has intrusted means, have been ease-lovers, and have not done their duty in the fear and love of God. Many have left the smaller churches, to unite with larger ones, where they carry no burden of responsibility, and are only in the way. Such lose their spirituality and vital force, because they do comparatively nothing for the truth. What account will these have to give to the Master when he shall say, "Give account of thy stewardship?"

We are not ready for this great issue to which the enforcement of the Sunday law will bring us. Let the members of our churches become missionaries for the Master; let them not linger in ease and indifference; but let them go forth to work for God. Their spiritual muscles have been nearly palsied with inaction. Go without the camp, bearing the reproach for Christ and the truth. Work to-day in the Lord's vineyard. Go out into the highways and hedges, and stir up the people to investigate the truth. Woe to all who profess to walk in the light, yet who are at ease in Zion. They absorb the God-given rays of righteousness, but do not diffuse the light to others. The parable of the faithless servant who hid his Lord's money, condemns them, and they are classed among those who refuse to be co-laborers with Jesus Christ, selfishly caring for their own ease, and leaving those for whom Christ has died, to perish without the knowledge of the truth which God has graciously given to them. Those who have been the receivers of spiritual light, may become the receptacles of darkness, to whom the words of Christ are applicable, "If therefore the light which is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness."

"But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief." May this statement be true of God's people, to whom he has committed the sacred trust of the knowledge of his law. "Your-selves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so

cometh as a thief in the night; for when they shall say, Peace and safety, then sudden destruction cometh upon them." Just when many who have had light and evidence are saying, "Where is the promise of his coming?" and declaring that all things continue as they were from the beginning, the terrible realities of the day of God will burst upon them. Marvelous beyond expression is the blindness of the people of this generation.

Every true child of God should now be inquiring, "What wouldst thou have me to do?" **Brethren, for Christ's sake, do something, and do it now. Satanic influences are all around us, to be met and resisted. The tares are mingled with the wheat, error with truth, coldness with zeal, darkness with light. There must be a returning to our first love.** We must battle nobly with tribulation and danger, in the midst of trials, tests, and provings of God. We must be rich in faith and good works. The message to the Laodicean church is applicable to those who have been made the repository to rich truth. This church is distinguished in prophecy by its great profession of advanced light; yet it was filled with spiritual pride and lukewarmness in religion. They had a religious theory, but were greatly lacking in moral power and holiness. They are pronounced wretched, poor, blind, and naked. O that our people would realize the danger, and heed the counsel of the True Witness. "Buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayst be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed; . . . and anoint thine eyes with eye-salve, that thou mayst see."

Will we now, who have such great light, make some sacrifice for Jesus, who for our sakes became poor, that we through his poverty might be made rich? **We must arouse,** and through piety and earnest work for the Master, partake of his spirit of love for souls, of faith in God, that he may work with us, by us, and through us.

Spiritual Paralysis

When the truth is received, it will work radical changes in life and character; **for religion means the abiding of Christ in the heart,** and where he is, the soul goes on in spiritual activity, ever growing in grace, ever going on to perfection. All through our churches there are those who are spiritually paralyzed. They do not manifest spiritual life. May 24, 1892. RH 2:570.

 PREPARATION FOR TIME OF TROUBLE. TIME TO FLEE.
 DUTY OF PROPERTY. HEALTH CENTERS.

Seventh-day Adventists in the past have made some very foolish moves and blunders in making "Preparations" for the Time of Trouble when all the Time they were told NOT to make ANY PREPARATIONS for the Time of Trouble.

This is for several fold reasons:

(For a fuller Study see your INDEX under "TIME OF TROUBLE" p. 2818.)

(1) Food taken from them by "violent hands" and by strangers" (Hippie Gangs) whether this Food is in Store or in the Field. EW 56.

(2) In "Time of Trouble" - Probation is closed. Which means the SEALING is over. God has pledged that not one will Die of His people in the "TIME OF TROUBLE."

The difficulty here (to believe this) is the incessant string of False Prophets who have appeared and will appear in Church and in Reform who want some big "SLAUGHTER" of Adventists. When there is not a word of Truth to it. (Not the TRUE "Philadelphian Advent believers!") Rev. 3:7-12.

(A) There can be no general Slaughter without a relaxation of Law and Order - right? Do you believe in the 4 Angels that hold the 4 Winds until the SEALING is over? Do you believe that they will do their work well? **NO SLAUGHTER** while those Angels are on Duty and on Guard. **Not of "God's people."**

(B) So now the SEALING is over, and the Angels let go the Winds. So there will be a big SLAUGHTER, yes, of course there will be. But NOT of God's people! There are over 100 Testimonies to that effect. **SLAUGHTER, YES! SLAUGHTER TO ACTUALLY START IN THE Seventh-day Adventists Church! Beginning with the Preacher in the Pulpit!** Read it in **T5:211**. Read what he is Preaching, and why the "**SLAUGHTER**" comes on him and every one that listens to him down to the little Children. "**All perish TOGETHER!**" **T5:211.**

that place is no more Safe than was **OLD JERUSALEM** the City of Sabbath-keepers and non-Pork eaters, of another Age. **"The Holy City."** The Disciples who believed the Testimony of Jesus were told to **"FLEE!"** Not one lost their lives. What is their counterfeit **MIDNIGHT CRY?**"

"Spewn **OUT!**" means "Going through?" Not to use **DRUGS** means to **USE** them? Well, that Mind - used to flipping itself into reverse Gear would surely Fall for the **"AWAKENING"** that teaches: "Go ye **OUT TO MEET Him!**" means to stay **RIGHT THERE!**

"Satan was trying his **EVERY ART** to **HOLD** them **WHERE THEY WERE**, until the **SEALING** was past...and they left without a shelter from the burning Wrath of God." EW 44.

The **Destiny** upon which the church hangs is shown in EW 270. But the **FOOTNOTES** are **MISSING** here - so take it from T1:180-2. (This is a Straight Testimony TO the Laodiceans, not FROM the Laodiceans. It is given TO them by a **"COMPANY"** - a **"COMPANY"** that is **SEALED** in the next page. Top of EW 271. And this is **BEFORE** the **"LOUD CRY"** which is at the bottom of that page. Some are shaken OUT of this "COMPANY" as they go back and take their stand with the Laodiceans.)

"...all perish together." T5:211.

Yes, there is certainly a big **SLAUGHTER** there in the **"Holy City"**, but not among **God's people** who go **"OUT"** to meet Him!"

GOD'S PEOPLE - NO SLAUGHTER:

TIME OF TROUBLE:

Angels in the form of men of War protect God's people during EW 283. GC 621, 630-4. PK 513. PP 256. SG 3:196. SM 2:55. T9:17.

Angels provide Food and Water for the Righteous during EW 282. SR 406.

Blood of God's people will not be Shed. GC 634. EW 56. SG 3:252.

Devils cannot destroy. SM 2:55.

Safe in God's pavilion. T1:125.

Attempts to kill futile. EW 284-5.

God will not forget His people. GC 626.

Eternally secure. T5:475. T1:206.

In all parts of earth. SDA-BC 4:1143.

Wonderfully preserved. T1:353. PK 590-1.

God's people stand unmoved. PK 513.

Satan cannot destroy. T9:17.

With all these References and 100 more - why do **Adventists** want: (A) that "**Slaughter?**" (B) to Prepare for it in the face of these Promises that God will protect them and Feed them, and if they **DO HAVE** Food and Supplies laid up for them, **they will be taken from them by "Violent hands!"**

Is it not, then - **evidence** of stark, staring "**Unbelief**" that leads them to lay in Store?

Or is there something far more Sinister than that? What could it be?

LET US CONSIDER THIS:

God has said what to do to "**Prepare**" for the "**Time of Trouble.**" He said it plainly, and He said it Repeatedly. But **FEW** are going to accept it. It will not be Popular. It will not Appeal to the Masses, nor to anyone. It is sheer "Justification" by naked Faith. It is an almost "**Suicidal**" act. It is just as Preposterous as Christ telling His Disciples who were **IN** the "Holy" City, in the only place of Security, Warmth, Fellowship, and Refuge - to Flee "OUT" at a certain Sign. To be so utterly Irresponsible as to not even stop to get your Coat or your Purse.

Of course, if you stop to Think of it, you will see the reason why they had to Flee like that. Of course you know well enough, and I know well enough, that to **Stop** to get that Purse would not delay you **THAT** much. But there was more involved. Other Members of the Household would ask you **WHY** you are going, and you would Stop and Argue with them, or try to Persuade them to Save themselves by coming with you. And the End of it all may be that you would lose **TIME**, and in losing **TIME** you would lose your **LIFE**. This persuasion you should have done **LONG-BEFORE**, not left for the **MID-NIGHT HOUR**. In the **MIDNIGHT HOUR** there is no Pleading, that is all Past, it is Time now to Obey the Command "**GO**" and "**GO ye OUT**" and let there be no presumptuous dallying. With some Sickening and Perverted "**LOVE**" for

the Unregenerate. "REMEMBER LOT'S WIFE. Remember Rev. 18.

This is a hard Test. But if ye "Love them MORE than Me ye are not worthy of ME." So make up your mind which will it be? Christ or the World? If ye dally when Time has run out, they may even Call for the Jerusalem Police to lock you in Irons, and FORCE you to STAY-on the Charge of "Desertion!!"

You see this Picture very clearly in EW 78-81. But if you are determined to follow the Blind False Prophets heading INTO the City in an hour such as this, then you must pay NO ATTENTION to the following Divine Instruction.

"PREPARATION FOR THE END" EW 69.

As we approach "THE BATTLE" in the "DAY" of the Lord, SEPARATE from those who reject the "Present Truth." And heed the "Lord's Messengers" and do not keep this a Secret. All this is embodied in the Instruction on this Page. It is the SEAL and nothing else that will "PROTECT" us in the "Time of Trouble." EW 71.

"The Angel is to place a MARK upon the Forehead of all who are Separated from Sin and Sinners..." T5:505.

That would be enough right there, and often that is all that I quote. But there is more, and perhaps now we should hear it" "...and the Destroying Angel will follow, to slay UTTERLY both Old and Young." T5:505. Da 152. SG 2:201. RH 2:255.

PERPARATION FOR THE END:

So "BUYING" property is a "PREPARATION" for the End? My Books tell me that SELLING property is the "PREPARATION" for the End!

Because this involved:

(1) Speed the Last Message, this requires Means which we are Honored to give. Thus we will see Souls in the Kingdom.

(2) But if you choose to let them Die so you can "SAVE" your own life - he that "SAVES" his Life - will Lose it. This wonderful "Property" will rise up in the Time of Trouble to crush you.

(3) This "Property" will be of no value in the Time of Trouble for two Reasons:

(A) You will have to Flee from it. Gangs and Mobs will be clamoring all over your Property looking

for something to Eat.

(B) **Radio-activity** and **Disease-Germs** will be **ram-pant all thru the Land**. So there will be so many **DEAD** - leaving so many **EMPTY** buildings, and no one wanting to remain in one place anyway - you can not Sell this Property now. Once of great Value - now it is "**VALUELESS**." Law and Order has broken down completely, people **TAKE** what they want. Including the Women. Who refused to Flee and Remained.

IT IS WRITTEN:

"Time of Trouble" commences when Christ leaves the Most Holy Place of the Heavenly Sanctuary. GC 613-4. PP 201. SG 3:134.

"DEATH DECREE" does not come until **Plagues**. EW 36-7, 282-3. GC 615-36. LS 102. T5:213.

Or it will rise up like a Mountain to crush you, and you will then **WAIT** to dispose of it and not be able. EW 57.

This time is just before us. T1:206.

Judgments of God upon wicked. EW 33-4.

Make **NO PROVISION** for temporal wants. EW 56.

Many laid away to Sleep before. CH 375.

Many little Children. GC 566. SM 2:259.

Many **God's people** in Chains. GC 626.

Message of Rev. 18 prepares for. EW 277.

Have no clogs to weigh them down. EW 56-7.

Possessions cannot be Sold. Not at any Price when you cannot **"Buy or Sell."** T5:152. EW 56.

This time shortened. GC 631.

Soon to come. GC 622.

Sword, Famine, Pestilence in the Land. EW 33-4.

Very short. T1:204.

We are on verge of. T9:43.

Wicked seek to Destroy God's people during. EW 15, 34, 36-7, 282-5. GC 615-36. PP 201.

Work on **saving Souls** must be done before. EW 48.

While Christ is in Sanctuary. EW 85.

Trade Unions one major cause. SM 2:142.

(AMA is a Trade Union.)

Will **increase** until End. WM 136.

Those "**INSANE**" are trying to lay their hands on all the "**PROPERTY**" they can acquire. COL 371. T2:196-7. T9:90. FCE 233-4. EW 266.

Proper to acquire PROPERTY for Sanitariums and Schools. T7:102. TM 210.

Purchase little pieces of Land where you can have Garden. SM 2:356.

Satan seeks to make **possessors of land** drunk with cares of this life. EW 266. TM 474.

Insane to gather, will be destroyed by Fire. T4:49. T9:13.

Balls of Fire destroy mansions. T9:28. LLM 50.

Sacrifice **PROPERTY** for God's cause. SG 2:249.

Wealthy church-members urged to sell. T5:734.

Accountability to God. T1:324-5.

Accumulation of-becomes passion. T5:276.

Dangers attending. T1:114, 492, 636.

PROPERTY mania for. T1:350-2. T4:490.

Sacrifice eternal life for. T2:238.

Serve Satan more than God. T1:175.

God condemns. TM 335.

Not Sinful for good cause. SM 2:429.

Aged believers willing to leave-for God's cause. T4:478.

All your-belongs to God. T1:199. T5:736.

Is not your own. T2:668.

Be willing to dispose of. T4:479.

Not leave to unbelieving children. T3:119-20. T4:478, 481. T1:528-9.

Aged believers need help and counsel in disposing of. T3:121.

Before Time of Trouble. EW 56-7.

By aged persons. T2:675. T3:116, 121.

Do not leave until illness. T3:117.

For God's cause. T1:177.

Rash, warning against. EW 95.

Right, God requires. T4:124.

Seek advice of men of experience-in making arrangements. T3:130.

Warnings regarding. EW 93-4.

Donations of -to God's cause-that counts. MHP 143. T2:244.

To test their honesty. CS 116-7.

To test them. T1:199.

Esteem it is a privilege to sacrifice. Failure to dispose of before Time of Trouble. SG 2:249. EW 57, 95.

Given to God is sealed with His immutability. CS 49. T9:50-1.

God places in men's hands that they may be almoners. WM 268. T4:477. AA 75.

Regard yourself as steward. BC 6:1081.

Great loss of property in disasters by land and sea.

PK 277. (Earthquakes.)

Held till last moment of death. T5:154.

Hoarding of displeases God. T2:668.

Displeases Christ. AH 397.

Hold your, on God's altar. TM 147.

Secure to God's cause. AA 345. T5:154.

God's capital entrusted to men. T4:124.

Is **talent** for God. CS 114. T4:619.

Lay your, on God's altar. EW 66-7.

Beforehand to Heaven. COL 375.

Surrender to death or to God? T4:480.

Placed by God in men's hands for spread of Gospel. PP 529. T1:536. T2:654-5.

Providentially available for Institutional work. T7:102. T9:270-3.

Recognize God's right to. MM 276.

Sacredly devote your. T9:50-1.

Sell before Time of Trouble. T1:176-7, 192. T5:733. EW 56-7.

Some possessors covetous. SG 2:153-4.

Time coming, cannot be sold at any price. EW 56. T5:152. CS 159, 49. T9:50-1.

SUMMARY. Property should be laid on Altar, ready to **Sell to aid Last Message**, The only other exception is for Centers. **Message has first Priority.** In Time of Trouble will be **VALUELESS.** So why buy property for "Time of Trouble?"

Property invested in Souls in **SEALING TIME** will guarantee SEAL and this guarantees **PROTECTION, CANOPY** from Radio-activity and Plagues and Pestilence that stalks thru rest of the land.

Definitely **NO PROPERTY HIDE-OUTS FOR TIME OF TROUBLE!** Show mw **ONE** such Statement from the Testimonies! It is just the reverse.

SELL NOW - give to God now and He will guarantee Bread and Water in Time of Trouble. We will go to **"PREPARED PLACES"** in the Mountains and Deserts and Isolated places. I see this as vacated Mining Camps, Logging Camps, Fishing Camps, Army Camps, abandoned Radar Stations, Forestry Look-out Stations. Mainly for the Winter, and most likely only one Winter to worry about. Lots of fuel. Untold thousands of Mines could be moved

into. Industrious men could make them "Snug as a Bug in a Rug" in short order. Even two or three of them, so when our **"FORMER BRETHREN"** tell the Wolf-Pack where we are, when they get there the place will be empty. His Angels will Blind them as to where we are. They would not find us with Helicopters. And they will have so much Trouble of their own to Worry about - they will not Trouble us as long as we are out of their Sight. The God that had a Pillar of Fire by Night and a Cloud by Day for the Israelites - can have a Cloud over the Camp of the Saints **so no Airplane would ever find us.** Believe the promise of God. "...He will sustain us. I saw that our Bread and Water will be **SURE** at that Time." EW 56. What else do we require? So **SELL** that Property for the **MESSAGE** that will mean the **SEAL OF GOD.** "Go ye **OUT** to meet Him!" While all the World is crying: "Go ye **IN TO MEET** Him!" It is Just a matter of where we place our Priorities.

"SIGNS OF THE TIMES" promotional full-page lay-out R&H. p. 25. May 3, 1973. "Some Magazines will tell you it's going to happen. Ours will tell you why it won't." "To-day, some magazines predict the **TOTAL DESTRUCTION** of our World. By man himself! But **SIGNS** has to **DISAGREE...** (So read the **MAXWELL BOOK** to see the **TALMUDIC JEW "ONE-WORLD-KINGDOM!"**) **MAXWELL** of **SIGNS** of the **TIMES** wrote us **"MAN THE WORLD NEEDS MOST"** is the Hope of the World! The **ANTICHRIST!** We do not go to them to find out what Preparations to make for the "TIME OF TROUBLE" for they see no "TIME OF TROUBLE" in Babylonish Camps.

A **"HIDE-OUT"** IS **OUT!** A camp to raise Organic Foods and gather Herbs to restore Health as a Preparation for the Time of Trouble - that is **IN!** With no **DRUGS!** Which means draw up your Charter so no ORGANIZATION will get their hands on that Property! Put it right in the Agreement! This Property **NEVER** to be given over to **POISONOUS DRUG MEDICATION!** Put it in the Agreement that this Property is for no other use but for a School of a Natural Health under the control of a named Board of Directors! Who are authorized to run it **ONLY** for that **ONE purpose,** or else **SELL** it to further that **SAME** work from another Center. Either the Property or the Sale of the Property (as Laws & Circumstances may indicate) to be for the Last Message and Health Work only.

It may be indeed very Wise to have a Property rich in

Soil for Production, and have most of the Buildings and Auditorium in the Hills where Property value is low. The Spiritual atmosphere better. The rich Land to supply the Camp.

Then in the "**Beginning of the Time of Trouble**" to sell the rich valuable Land, having in the meantime cleared a few spots in the Mountain-Retreat to do for the Camp. (or wlse reserve a few acres of the other Land as "Rental Rights.") The idea is to "Cut loose! Cut loose!" EW 56-8.

Those who have been Planning for many Years to make such Property available, should have the Right to live on any of the Properties held by the Association. Remain on the original Property, or move to the Mountain-Retreat, as they Wish.

This entire Plan is NOT planned for the "Time of Trouble." It will be left and vacated in the Time of Trouble. "HEALTH REFORM" and the purpose of the Center is to "PREPARE A PEOPLE" for the "Time of Trouble." (1) The Message. (2) Health. I suggest a Board of Directors, keeping all Drug-Lovers OUT! Or they will soon have you in their Coils. And all will be Lost. Just another SDA Institution. They have more than they can take care of already. Let this one be DIFFERENT!

Many of the Retired will want to come. Set up a Trailer Camp. I suggest people do NOT buy those BIG TRAILERS. They are too hard to move. Takes a Fortune. Buy one that has a good Kitchen, medium size. So a car can pull it. Set this Unit in place as your Kitchen, and perhaps Living Room.

Then with new modern Building Panels and Sheets, pre-fabricate a well-insulated two Big Rooms unto it. So it can be broken down and loaded on a Truck in a few Hours. Moved to the next Place. That way you can change your Neighbors easily. Avoid friction.

The addition could be the Master Bed-Room, and Main Living Room. A Heater would be set up there to heat the Trailer also. You would be every bit as comfortable as in a Monster Trailer at $\frac{1}{2}$ the cost. Have a Wood-Heater handy in case the Electricity goes out.

For there may be **considerable Trouble** before the "Time

of Trouble." Perhaps two Years of it. Hard to tell. There is going to be a "WAR" in the SEALING TIME. T1:263, 268-270. (This Testimony is all mixed up. Read it from the ORIGINAL in RH 1:40, 104. FCE 482. T2: 595. SG 4:63. T5:213. T1:259.) SG 4:63. ARA 497. T1:268, 283, 363-366.

There is going to be a "PESTILENCE" in the SEALING TIME, with FAMINE. Which will "CUT DOWN" many False Prophets running without a Message. LEFT OUT of EW 48 but found in PT 32. RH 1:11. Sept. 1849. T1:268. SG 4: 58. Jer. 8:2. Dead bodies around the World. No wonder property will be of no Value. There will be empty properties everywhere. TM 420.

TIME TO FLEE !

If you want the TRUTH of the Testimonies you go by nothing else but the ORIGINAL Books. If you look in your GC to find the Time to "FLEE!" they took that Testimony, that Sentence - split it clean in HALF - put the other HALF of that Sentence 10 pages away! Now try to Understand it! GC 616 to 626.

BE CAREFUL! Do not jump to Conclusions! Go over it Word by Word before you are SURE! WHEN TO FLEE? Take it from the ORIGINAL ONLY. 1884 SOP 4:445. ENFORCEMENT of SUNDAY LAW.

THEREFORE if we are Right this is no real Worry at all! For the SEALING of Adventists will be over. "THE CRISIS" the SUNDAY-LAW comes after the Close of Pro-
-ation on the Sabbath-keeping World. T9:97. RH 3:601. 5:254, 294. T6:400-1. Ev. 27. TM 453. SM 2:16. T5:524. T2:191. (Check T9:97 with T9:91-2.) SUNDAY LAW! Pro-
-bation CLOSED for Sabbatarians.

God's people cannot now Die. They give the LOUD CRY "contrary to any human Planning." TM 300, 507. Magen 3. DA 212.

They will not KNOW that they are SEALED. GC 615. Not even the Devil will know. 618. The DEATH DECREE comes AFTER the SEALING and DURING and BECAUSE OF the Plagues. EW 36. (Of course the MAXWELL Book has no Room for that! It has only "Peace & Safety!")

Now for your exhaustive Study and careful Consideration. Do not trust ONE WORD on DA 628.-----

They tried to save the "JEW" so Maxwell could invite the "MESSIAH" to Palestine to set up that "**ONE WORLD GOVERNMENT**" and the RUSSELITE-RUTHERFORD-KNORR-ARM-STRONG "Kingdom come" which the ORIGINAL pure Testimony put the Kibosh on.

When the **SDA General Conference** has sold out and gone over to the "**JEWS**" in **Medicine** and now in Prophetic Interpretation for the "**MESSAINIC AGE**" with Bed - Time Story Maxwell.

You just make up your mind if you will believe the **ORIGINAL TESTIMONY**—or go by **JEW**, that is again seeking to **Wreck the World**. Will he do any Better than in Old Jeusalem? And what about the False Prophets who came in this very Hour to lead us into "**HIDE-OUTS?**" All this was in the **ORIGINAL TESTIMONY**.

Let's turn to RH 3:632-3. Dec. 13, 20. 1898. "Many false Messiahs will appear, claiming to work Miracles, and declaring that the **Time for the deliverance of the JEWISH NATION** has come. These will mislead many.

"These words were fulfilled. Between the death of Christ and the siege of Jerusalem, many false Christs appeared. But this warning is given also to those who live in this Age of the World. The **SAME DECEPTIONS PRACTICED PRIOR TO THE DESTRUCTION OF Jerusalem** will again be practiced. The **SAME events** that took place at the overthrow of Jerusalem will take place again.

(And ye shall hear of WARS and rumors of WARS (Assassination of JEWS and PALESTINIANS.) ..."**all these things must come to pass, but the end** (of the Jewish nation as a nation) **is not yet...**"

"**All these** are the **BEGINNING** of sorrows." As the **RABBIS** see these **SIGNS**, Christ said, they will declare that they are God's Judgments on the nations for holding his chosen people in bondage. (Worst crop-failure in 100 years in Russia. Now American Government has made a Deal with Russia to give them **MILLIONS OF Dollars in Credit** so they will release **JEWS to Flock to Jerusalem** to be **ATOMIZED!** The Jews take this as a **SIGN** to help them, or is it a SIGN to destroy them?)

"They will say that these **SIGNS** are the Tokens of the Advent of the Messiah (the **Maxwell Book!**)

"Be not deceived; they are the BEGINNING of his Judgments. The JEWISH people have looked to themselves. They have NOT REPENTED and been converted, that I should heal them. (By far the greatest Majority boast that they are as Godless as the Bolsheviks.)

"The SIGNS that they argue as Tokens of their release from Bondage are SIGNS of their DESTRUCTION..."

"So it will be again. But it is over the Seventh-day Sabbath that the Battle will be fought. (See how they messed that up in your DA 630.) ...Because of Persecution many will be offended...They will stumble and fall, apostatizing from the Faith they once advocated ...and will be bound up with believers, scoffers, and mockers. And now bound up in the One World Religion.

"Those who apostatize in time of trial will bear false witness and betray their brethren, to secure their own safety. They will tell where their brethren are concealed, (is this how your DA 630 reads? If not - why not?)

"...putting the wolves on their track. Christ has warned us of this, that we may not be surprised... "that ANTICHRIST shall come...whereby we KNOW that it is the last Time. They went OUT from us, but they were not OF us...

Servants of God, with their faces lighted up and shining with holy consecration, will hasten from place to place to proclaim the message from heaven. By thousands of voices all over the earth, the warning will be given. Miracles will be wrought, the sick will be healed and signs and wonders will follow the believers. Satan also works with lying wonders, even bringing down fire from heaven in the sight of men. Rev. 13:13. Thus the inhabitants of the earth will be brought to take their stand.

The message will be carried as was the Midnight Cry 1884, not so much by argument as by the deep conviction of the Spirit of God. The arguments have been presented, The seed has been sown, and now it will spring up and bear fruit. The publications distributed by missionary workers have exerted their influence, yet many whose minds were impressed have been prevented from fully comprehending the truth or from yielding

LEFT OUT!

obedience. Now the rays of light penetrate everywhere, the truth is seen in its clearness, and the honest children of God sever the bands which have held them. Family connections, church relations, are powerless to stay them now. Truth is more precious than all besides. Notwithstanding the agencies combined against the truth, a large number take their stand upon the Lord's side. GC 612.

Notwithstanding the spiritual darkness and alienation from God that exist in the churches which constitute Babylon, the great body of Christ's true followers are still to be found in their communion. There are many of these who have never seen the special truth for this time. Not a few dissatisfied with their present condition, and are longing for clearer light. They look in vain for the image of Christ in the churches with which they are connected. As these bodies depart farther and farther from the truth, and ally themselves more closely with the world, the difference between the two classes will widen, and it will finally result in separation. The time will come when those who love God supremely can no longer remain in connection with such as are "lovers of pleasures more than loves of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof.

Revelation 18 points to the time when, as the result of rejecting the threefold warning of Rev. 14:6-12, the church will have fully reached the condition foretold by the second angel, and the people of God still in Babylon will be called upon to separate from her communion. This message is the last that will ever be given to the world; and it will accomplish its work. When those that "believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness," 2 Thess. 2:12. shall be left to receive strong delusions and to believe a lie, then the light of truth will shine upon all whose hearts are open to receive it, and all the children of the Lord that remains in Babylon will heed the call, "Come out of her, My people." Rev. 18:4. GC 390.

Notwithstanding these inspired declarations, how many professed Christians are enfeebling their powers in the pursuit of gain or the worship of fashion; how many are debasing their godlike manhood by gluttony, by wine-drinking, by forbidden pleasure. And the church, instead of rebuking too often encourages the

evil, by appealing to appetite, to desire for gain or love of pleasure, to replenish her treasury, which love for Christ is too feeble to supply. Were Jesus to enter the churches of to-day, and behold the feasting and unholy traffic there conducted in the name of religion, would He not drive out those desecrators, as He banished the money-changers from the temple? GC 474.

"And many False Prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many," False Christs did arise, deceiving the people and leading great numbers into the Desert. Magicians and Sorcerers, claiming miraculous power drew the people after them into the mountain solitudes. But this prophecy was also spoken for the Last Days. COMPANIES inspired by SATAN will be formed to deceive and delude. This will be a SIGN of the Second Advent...

"When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the Prophet, stand in the holy place (whoso readeth, let him understand,) then let them which be in Judea FLEE into the mountains (let there be no presumptuous dallying)..."

"...the Christians obeyed this warning, and not a Christian perished in the destruction of the city..."
RH 3:632, 633. (See also 634-5.)

In this Time, if we go with God we are safe. If we follow the false Prophets we share their Fate-DEATH!

"Blind Leaders of the Blind - BOTH shall Fall in the Ditch!"

Spiritual Blindness

"There are many, many professed Christians who are waiting unconcernedly for the coming of the Lord. They have not on the garment of His righteousness. They may profess to be children of God, but they are not cleansed from sin. They are **selfish and self-sufficient.** Their **experience is Christless.** They neither love God supremely nor their neighbor as themselves. They have no true idea of what constitutes holiness. They do not see the **defects** in themselves. So blinded are they, that they are not able to detect the **subtle working of pride and iniquity.** They are clad in the rags of **self-righteousness,** and stricken with **spiritual blindness.** Satan has cast his shadow between them and Christ, and they have no wish to study the pure, holy character of the Saviour." Review & Herald, Feb. 26, 1901.